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To the Honourable Helen Hunley
Lieutenant Governor in Council

May it Please Your Honour:

I have the honour to submit the Final Reports of the Public Service Management Pension Board for the period April 1, 1985 to October 31, 1985, pursuant to the Public Service Management Pension Act and the M.L.A. Pension Act, which were repealed November 1, 1985, and replaced by the Public Service Management Pension Plan Act and the M.L.A. Pension Plan Act.

On November 1, 1985 the Public Service Management Pension Plan Act and the M.L.A. Pension Plan Act came into force. In accordance with Section 4 of those Acts this document also reports on the operation of the Plans for the period November 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986. An independent actuarial valuation carried out at March 31, 1985 estimated the accrued liability of the Public Service Management Pension Plan and the M.L.A. Pension Plan to be $904,734,000 and $30,215,000 respectively. The normal actuarial cost of the Plans as a percentage of payroll was 22.3% and 56.1% respectively.

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The Honourable Dick Johnston
Provincial Treasurer
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Government of the Province of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta.

Sir:

I have the honour to submit the Final Reports of the Public Service Management Pension Board, for the period April 1, 1985 to October 31, 1985, pursuant to *the Public Service Management* and *the M.L.A. Pension Acts*, repealed November 1, 1985. The new legislation, proclaimed November 1, 1985, transferred authority to set policy and administer the two pension plans, from the Board to the Minister.

The M.L.A. Pension Act was passed by the Alberta Legislature to establish a pension plan for Members of the Legislative Assembly, including Members of the Executive Council, the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and the Leader of the Opposition, effective April 1, 1969. The Public Service Management Pension Plan for the Government personnel designated as "management" was established by an Act of the Legislature, effective July 1, 1972.

The Public Service Management Pension Board was charged with the administration of the pension plans. The day to day operations of the plans were carried out by the Public Service Pension Administration and are currently handled by the Payroll and Pensions Division of Alberta Treasury.

In order to provide comparative statistics, a summary for the complete fiscal year 1985-86 is being provided. The statistical and financial information in this Report has been obtained from the internal records of the Board and the Payroll and Pensions Division, and has not been subjected to an independent audit.

Respectfully submitted,

J.E. Faries
Chairman
Public Service Management
Pension Board

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PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT PENSION BOARD

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PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT PENSION PLAN

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

The Public Service Management Pension Plan was established July 1, 1972 to provide a contributory pension plan for the employees holding positions designated as "management" in the Alberta Government. Prior to the introduction of the plan, all Government employees participated in the Public Service Pension Plan.

Initially, participation in the Public Service Management Pension Plan was restricted to the departmental employees, but was later extended to the employees of the Government Boards, Agencies, Commissions and Crown Corporations. Membership in the plan has risen from 1,302 at March 31, 1973 to 4,877 at March 31, 1986.

Contributions are made by members at five per cent and employer contributions are required at nine per cent of employees' salary. Pension benefits are determined by multiplying the years of pensionable service by two per cent of the member's average salary over the best five consecutive years. The Public Service Management Pension Plan is not integrated with the Canada Pension Plan for benefits or contributions.

The Normal Pension is a pension paid for the life of the pensioner, with 75 per cent continuing to the surviving spouse, if the duration of the relationship was five or more years at the date of the pensioner's death.

A unique feature of the plan is that prior management service, not only with a public body but also in the private industry, may be established as pensionable service, on payment of prescribed contributions.

The Public Service Management Pension Act was repealed on November 1, 1985 and replaced by the Public Service Management Pension Plan Act. The new legislation abolished the mandatory retirement age of 65 years, so that an employee can now continue to accumulate pensionable service after the normal pensionable age. Further, a prospective pensioner having a spouse must now choose, unless a waiver is provided by the spouse, either a Normal Pension or a Joint Life Pension, non-reducible or reducible by one-third, with the spouse designated as the nominee.

Under the new legislation, the administrative and policy-setting functions of the Public Service Management Pension Board have been transferred to the Minister and the Board, re-named the Public Service Management Pension Plan Board, has been assigned a new role as an advisory and appellate body.

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD AND OPERATION OF THE ACT

The Public Service Management Pension Board met six times in the period April 1, 1985 to October 31, 1985 and dealt with the following policy matters:

1. Reviewed the 31-Mar-84 actuarial reports and cash flow studies for the Public Service Management Pension Plan and the M.L.A. Pension Plan.

2. Reviewed the management positions under Alberta Educational Communications Corporation and approved six additional positions for participation in the plan.

3. Reviewed and made adjustments in the "management" positions eligible for participation in the plan, in respect of the following employers:

   Alberta Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Commission

   Alberta Liquor Control Board

   Workers' Compensation Board

4. Reviewed policy regarding non-payment of employer contributions in respect of personnel transferred, on promotion, from Public Service Pension Plan to Public Service Management Pension Plan, and forwarded recommendations to the Minister.

5. Reviewed participation status of the "management" positions of Crown Boards, Agencies, Commissions, etc. and requested updated reports from the Personnel Administration Office.

6. Reviewed policy regarding pensionable income under the M.L.A. Pension Plan and classified the fees paid to Ministers and M.L.A's as pensionable income.

7. Reviewed the Report on Compliance with Participation Guidelines and forwarded recommendations to the Minister.

8. Reviewed the policy regarding transfers of pension credits between Alberta plans and accepted in principle to transfer pension contributions and credits on the basis of a capital value type of agreement developed.

The Board also considered and ruled upon 32 individual cases relating to:

a. recognition of prior service,

b. recognition of private industry service,

c. eligibility of contract employees to participate in the Public Service Management Pension Plan,

d. transfer of pension credits under the terms of reciprocal agreements,

e. pensionable re-employment,

f. early retirement on medical grounds,

g. change of pension option after commencement of pension, and

h. rate of interest payable on refunds of excess contributions.

On behalf of the Board, the Pension Boards Secretariat presented five seminars for the members and the representatives of the employers participating in the plan.

Two issues of the newsletter POSTSCRIPT were published and distributed during the period April 1, 1985 to October 31, 1985 to pensioners who had retired under one of the six pension plans sponsored by the Alberta Government. The newsletter had a circulation of approximately 20,000 and aimed to keep the pensioners informed of pension developments and other matters of interest, and to provide a forum for their concerns and views. The responsibility for publishing of the newsletter has been transferred to the Alberta Retired Public Employees Society.

PARTICIPATION

As of March 31, 1986, there were 4,877 contributors compared to 4,784 at March 31, 1985, reflecting an increase of approximately two per cent.

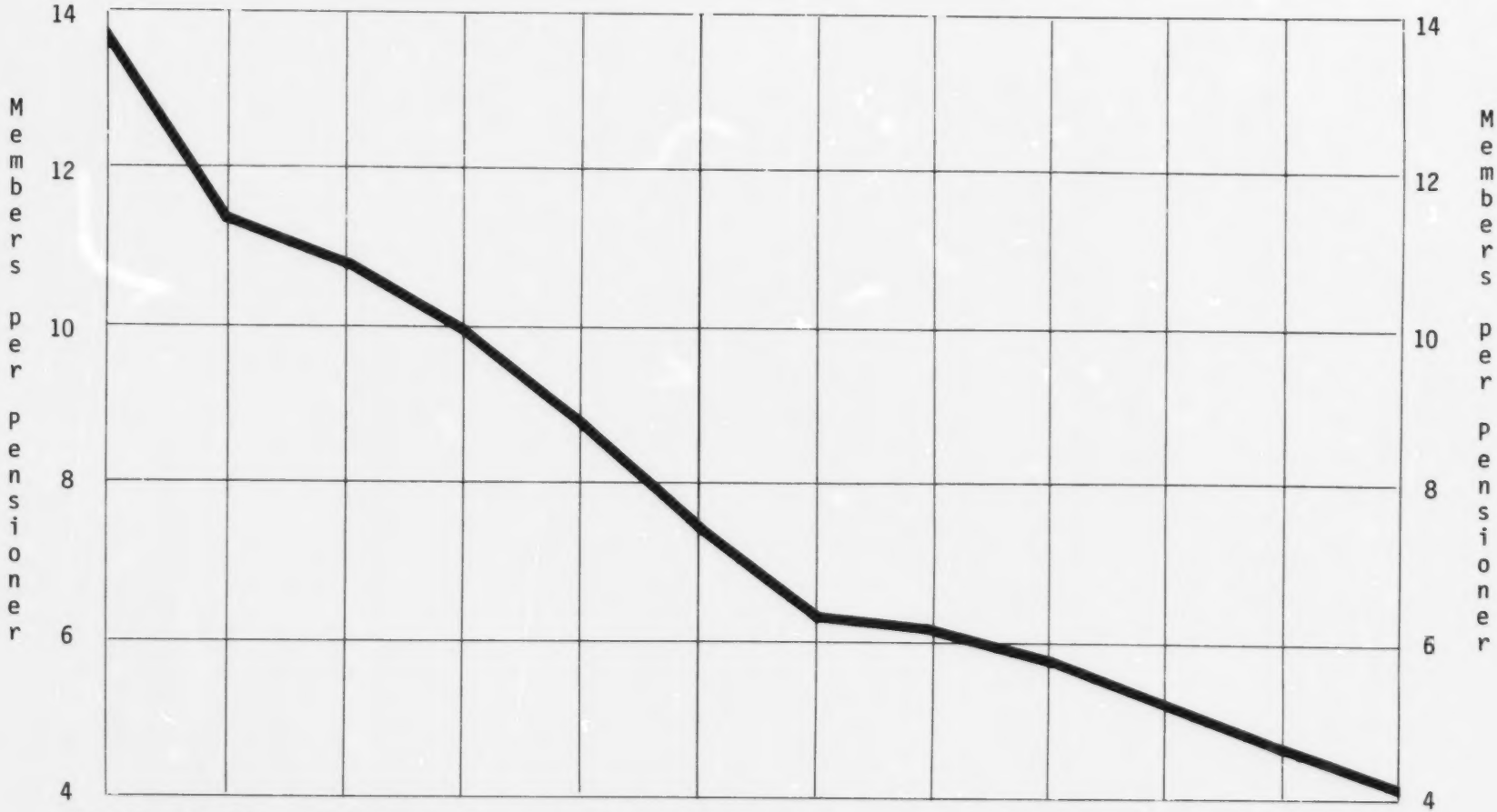
CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS

During the period April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986, the member and employer contributions were received in the amounts of $11,879,728 and $20,105,332 respectively, for a total of $31,985,060, up six per cent from 1984-85.

Total payments from the plan increased by 14 per cent, from $21,438,520 in 1984-85 to $24,428,096.

The excess of receipts over payments declined by 13 per cent, from $8,657,103 in 1984-85 to $7,556,965 in 1985-86.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS (CONTRIBUTORS) PER PENSIONER
(March 1975 - March 1986)



	31-Mar 1975	31-Mar 1976	31-Mar 1977	31-Mar 1978	31-Mar 1979	31-Mar 1980	31-Mar 1981	31-Mar 1982	31-Mar 1983	31-Mar 1984	31-Mar 1985	31-Mar 1986
Members:	1,919	2,302	2,754	3,235	3,472	3,693	3,835	4,350	4,613	4,683	4,784	4,877
Pensioners:	139	203	255	324	394	496	611	707	791	901	1,033	1,145

REFUNDS OF MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year, member contributions and interest, totalling $916,145, were refunded to the members terminating employment. Of this, a sum of $371,633 was paid out directly to the members while a sum of $544,512 was transferred to their registered retirement savings plans or to registered pension plans outside of a reciprocal agreement.

Excess contributions refunded during the year to members and employers totalled $104,109.

RETIREMENTS AND PENSIONS

As of March 31, 1986, there were 1,145 pensions being paid to retired members, surviving spouses and other beneficiaries of the deceased members and pensioners.

Pension payments during the year amounted to $22,601,680, up 15 per cent from 1984-85.

One hundred and seven pensions were granted during the year, 87 to retiring members and 20 to former members who had deferred their pensions on termination of employment. One hundred and one members (94 per cent) opted for Normal Pension which, in the event of a member's death, pays 75 per cent of the deceased member's pension to the surviving spouse, for life. Six members chose pensions guaranteed for terms of five, ten, 15 or 20 years.

Of the 107 members or former members granted pensions during the year, ninety-one were under age 65 at commencement of their pensions and, therefore, eligible to co-ordinate them with Canada Pension Plan and/or Old Age Security. Seventy-five of them (82 per cent) elected to do so.

During the year, 11 members died while in service. Eight of the surviving spouses were granted Spousal Pensions while the beneficiaries of three deceased members were granted lump sum benefits.

Eighteen retired members died during the year. Fifteen pensions were transferred to the surviving spouses, as the spousal benefit of a Normal Pension. Three pensions ceased on the deaths of the recipients.

The average retirement age during 1985-86 was approximately 58.9 years as compared to 60.19 years in 1984-85.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

(April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986)

EMPLOYER	Number of Accounts at 31-Mar-86	MEMBER** Contributions	EMPLOYER Contributions
Government Departments	4,120	$10,217,776	$17,288,626
Alberta Educational Communications Corporation (ACCESS)	25	49,772	76,041
Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation	2	4,192	7,547
Alberta Liquor Control Board	85	164,731	276,316
Alberta Opportunity Company	25	71,291	119,273
Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission	13	39,237	76,281
Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation	6	17,360	20,561
Alberta Treasury Branches	468	878,089	1,604,970
Energy Resources Conservation Board	4	13,744	24,718
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology	45	114,278	199,155
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology	30	85,683	144,639
Westerra Institute of Technology	5	9,151	16,584
Workers' Compensation Board	49	212,709	250,571
Accounts held on deposit	5*	1,715	-
Totals	4,882	$11,879,728	$20,105,332

These accounts pertain only to contributions received in the period April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986. The total number of accounts held on deposit at March 31, 1986 was 352, with deposits of $5,755,333 for the terminated employees and $2,625,133 representing the corresponding employer portion.

***Including contributions on prior service.*

R E T I R E M E N T S
(1985-86)

Normal retirement (age 65)	16
Early retirement (before age 65)	71
(Number co-ordinated with CPP and/or OAS - 61)	
Retirement due to partial or total disability	0
	87
Deferred retirement from previous years, in respect of which pension commenced during the year	20
(Number co-ordinated with CPP and/or OAS - 14)	

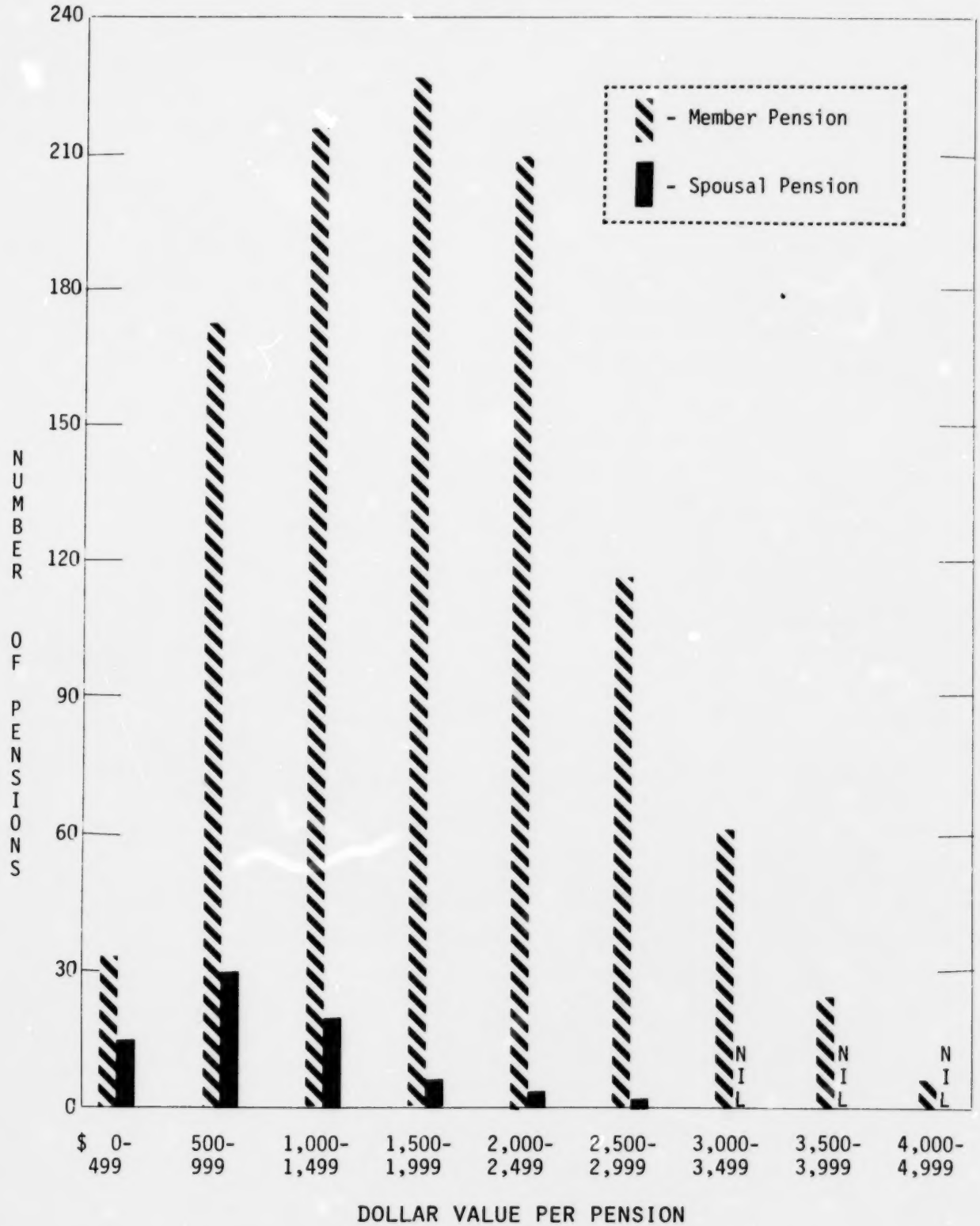
DEATH-IN-SERVICE BENEFITS

Number of members who died in service during the year	11
Spousal Pensions granted to surviving spouses	8
Lump sum benefits to surviving spouses/beneficiaries	3

PENSION OPTIONS SELECTED BY SURVIVING SPOUSES

Spousal Pension - Life only, with no guaranteed term	2
(Number co-ordinated with OAS - 0)	
Spousal Pension - Life with a guaranteed 5-year term	1
(Number co-ordinated with OAS - 1)	
Spousal Pension - Life with a guaranteed 10-year term	1
(Number co-ordinated with OAS - 1)	
Spousal Pension - Life with a guaranteed 20-year Term	4
(Number co-ordinated with OAS - 3)	

DOLLAR VALUE OF PENSIONS PER MONTH
(at March 31, 1986)



MONTHLY DOLLAR VALUE OF PENSIONS
(at March 31, 1986)

DOLLAR VALUE PER MONTH	NUMBER OF PENSIONS AND PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL		
	Member Pensions	Spousal Pensions	Total Pensions
$ 0 - 499	34 (3.0%)	15 (1.3%)	49 (4.3%)
500 - 999	173 (15.1%)	30 (2.6%)	203 (17.7%)
1,000 - 1,499	216 (18.9%)	20 (1.8%)	236 (20.7%)
1,500 - 1,999	227 (19.8%)	6 (0.5%)	233 (20.3%)
2,000 - 2,499	210 (18.3%)	3 (0.3%)	213 (18.6%)
2,500 - 2,999	116 (10.1%)	2 (0.2%)	118 (10.3%)
3,000 - 3,499	62 (5.4%)	0	62 (5.4%)
3,500 - 3,999	25 (2.2%)	0	25 (2.2%)
4,000 - 4,499	5 (0.4%)	0	5 (0.4%)
4,500 - 4,999	1 (0.1%)	0	1 (0.1%)
Totals	1,069 (93.3%)	76 (6.7%)	1,145 (100.0%)

The lowest member pension at March 31, 1986 was $59 per month while the highest was $4,504 per month. The average pension paid to a member was $1,791 per month and the median pension was $1,746 per month.

The lowest pension paid to a surviving spouse at March 31, 1986 was $41 per month while the highest was $2,993 per month. The average pension paid to a surviving spouse was $995 per month and the median pension was $910 per month.

TYPES OF PENSIONS IN EFFECT
(at March 31, 1986)

PENSION TYPE	NUMBER
Normal Pension*	1,017
Life Pension with a guaranteed term of 5 years	8
Life Pension with a guaranteed term of 10 years	12
Life Pension with a guaranteed term of 15 years	18
Life Pension with a guaranteed term of 20 years	14
Spousal Pension - Life with no guaranteed term	11
Spousal Pension - Life with a guaranteed term of 5 years	21
Spousal Pension - Life with a guaranteed term of 10 years	6
Spousal Pension - Life with a guaranteed term of 15 years	4
Spousal Pension - Life with a guaranteed term of 20 years	34
Total Number of pensions in effect	1,145
Number of pensions co-ordinated with Canada Pension Plan and/or Old Age Security	669

Normal Pension does not have a minimum guaranteed period but, in the event of a retiree's death, pays the eligible spouse, a Spousal Pension equalling 75 per cent of deceased retiree's pension, for life.

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT TRANSFERS
(1985-86)

PENSION PLAN	To Public Service Management Plan		From Public Service Management Plan	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
		$		$
Alberta Teachers' Ret. Fund	10	597,750	5	153,335
Government of Canada	6	206,971	10	415,565
Government of Newfoundland	1	33,517	-	-
Government of Ontario	1	7,303	1	25,545
Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System	-	-	2	127,436
University of Regina	-	-	1	27,081
Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan	-	-	1	32,124
Totals	18	$ 845,541	20	$ 781,086

BOOK ENTRY TRANSFERS

The following transfers to and from other Alberta pension plans were made during the year by book entry. These are not reflected in the Summary of Receipts and Payments.

PENSION PLAN	To Public Service Management Plan	From Public Service Management Plan
Local Authorities Pension Plan	$ 297,347	$ 434,638
Public Service Pension Plan	3,546,007	533,356
Universities Academic Pension Plan	27,665	119,622
Totals	$3,871,019	$1,087,616

RECIPROCAL TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

As of October 31, 1985, the Public Service Management Pension Board had reciprocal transfer agreements with the following pension authorities, for the purpose of transferring pension credits on a reciprocal basis:

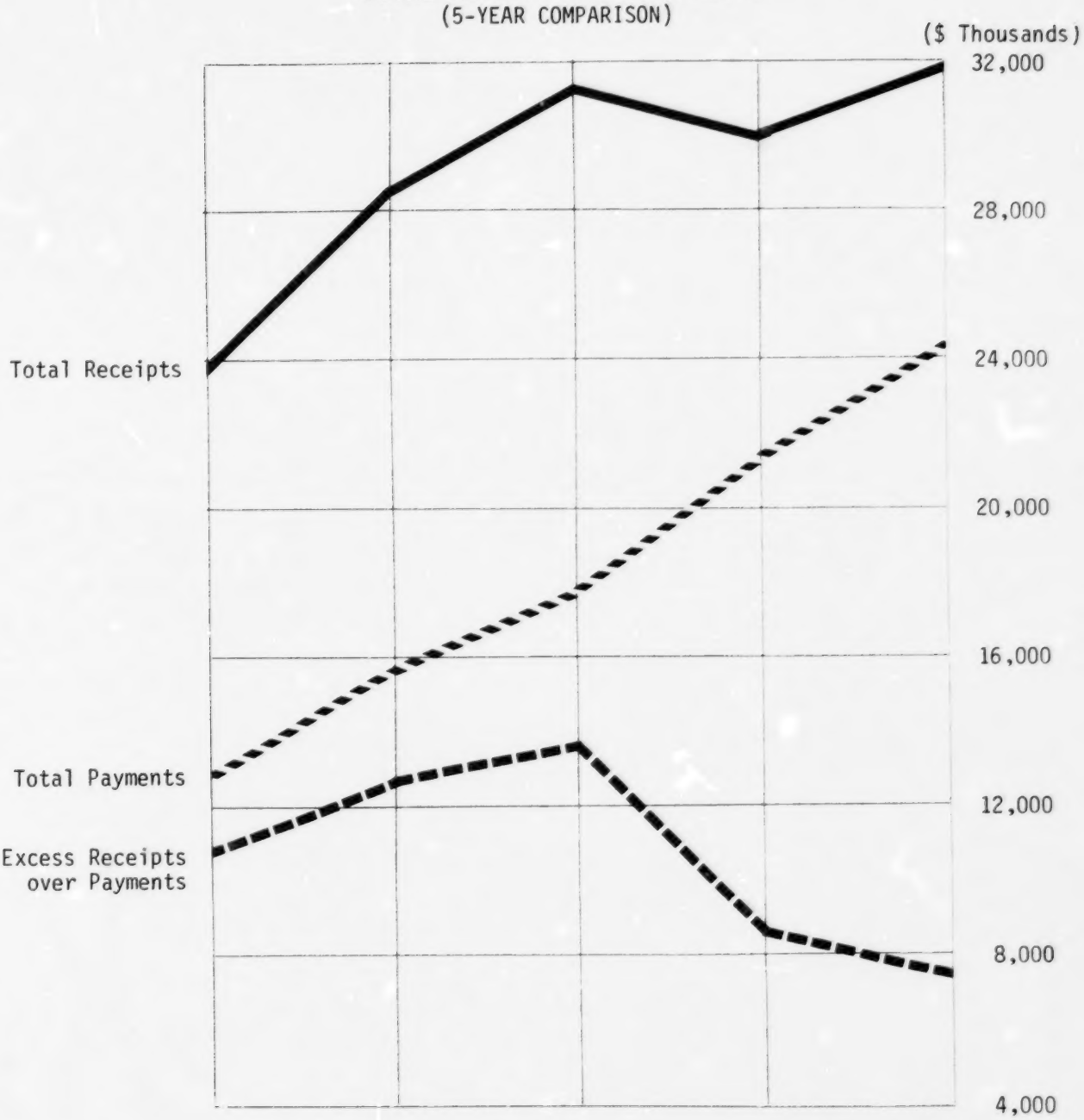
IN ALBERTA

Alberta Government Telephones
Teachers' Retirement Fund
Local Authorities Pension Board
Public Service Pension Board
Universities Academic Pension Board

OUTSIDE ALBERTA

Government of Canada
Government of British Columbia
Government of Manitoba, Civil Service Superannuation Board
Government of New Brunswick
Government of Newfoundland
Government of Ontario
Government of Prince Edward Island
Government of Saskatchewan, Public Service Superannuation Commission
Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation
Dalhousie University
Federal Business Development Bank
Health Sciences Centre of Manitoba
Council of Maritime Premiers
Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology
Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System
Ontario Teachers' Superannuation Commission
Regina Civic Employees' Superannuation and Benefits Plan
University of Regina
Saskatchewan Crown Investments Corporation
Saskatchewan Health Care Association
Saskatchewan Municipal Employees' Superannuation Commission
Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Commission
Saskatchewan Power Corporation Superannuation Board
York University

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
(5-YEAR COMPARISON)



	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Total Receipts:	$23,833	$28,551	$31,334	$30,095	$31,985
Total Payments:	12,874	15,755	17,645	21,438	24,428
Excess Receipts over Payments:	10,959	12,796	13,689	8,657	7,557

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

(July 1, 1972 to March 31, 1986)

($ Thousands)

FISCAL YEAR	RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS			EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS
	Contributions		Total	Benefits	Withdra-wals	Total	
	Member	Employer					
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
1972-73	938	22	960	171	23	194	766
1973-74	2,458	189	2,647	686	56	742	1,905
1974-75	2,086	228	2,314	1,309	227	1,536	778
1975-76	3,353	354	3,707	2,079	195	2,274	1,433
1976-77	3,956	470	4,426	2,853	306	3,159	1,267
1977-78	5,087	942	6,029	3,901	376	4,277	1,752
1978-79	5,956	1,105	7,061	4,910	642	5,552	1,509
1979-80	6,497	2,256	8,753	6,717	934	7,651	1,102
1980-81	7,281	1,538	8,819	8,740	1,060	9,800	(981)
1981-82	9,159	14,674	23,833	11,465	1,409	12,874	10,959
1982-83	10,929	17,622	28,551	14,081	1,674	15,755	12,796
1983-84	11,819	19,515	31,334	16,620	1,025	17,645	13,689
1984-85	11,162	18,913	30,095*	19,658	1,780	21,438	8,657
1985-86	11,880	20,105	31,985	22,627	1,801	24,428	7,557

Notes:

1. *Increases in Employer contributions reflect Government's policy to pay Employer contributions for the departmental employees, beginning April 1, 1981.*
2. *Excess of Receipts over Payments does not include interest.*

* *Includes $20,100 received as interest on overdue receivables.*

PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT PENSION ACT

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
for the year ended 31-Mar-86
(UNAUDITED)

R E C E I P T S

	1985-86	1984-85
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Members	$11,879,728.46	$11,161,960.52
Employers	20,105,331.71	18,913,521.17
Interest on overdue receivables	-	20,140.80
Total Receipts	$31,985,060.17	$30,095,622.49

P A Y M E N T S

BENEFITS		
Pensions to retired members and beneficiaries of deceased retired members	$21,706,200.14	$18,869,186.92
Pensions to surviving spouses of members deceased in service	895,480.05	761,248.44
Lump sum payments to beneficiaries	25,075.01	27,393.84
	$22,626,755.20	$19,657,829.20
WITHDRAWALS		
Member contributions and interest in respect of members terminating service	371,633.47	548,075.59
Member contributions and interest in respect of members transferred to other pension authorities without reciprocal agreements or to terminating members' R.R.S.P.'s	544,511.42	792,753.96
Member/employer contributions and interest in respect of members transferred to other pension authorities under terms of reciprocal agreements	781,086.64	379,159.08
Refunds of excess contributions	104,108.94	60,701.73
	$ 1,801,340.47	$ 1,780,690.36
Total Payments	$24,428,095.67	$21,438,519.56
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	$ 7,556,964.50	$ 8,657,102.93

Note: The receipts and payments shown above do not reflect book entry transfers of contributions and interest to and from other pension plans administered by the Alberta Government.

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M. L. A. PENSION PLAN

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

The M.L.A. Pension Plan was established by *the M.L.A. Pension Act, 1969*, to provide a contributory pension plan for Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, including Members of the Executive Council and the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and the Leader of the Opposition. The Public Service Pension Board was charged with the responsibility for the administration of the plan. Before the establishment of a separate pension plan, Members of the Legislative Assembly had been participating in the Public Service Pension Plan.

Participation in the M.L.A. Pension Plan was voluntary. Contributions were required at five per cent of the Member's allowance and pension benefit for each year of pensionable service (maximum 35) was granted at two per cent of the Member's average annual allowance over the best consecutive three years.

A minimum period of 10 years of pensionable service was needed to qualify for a pension and the pensions granted before age 60 were reduced actuarially.

Effective April 1, 1970, the rate of contributions was changed from five to 7.5 per cent of the Members' allowance and the pension benefit for each year of pensionable service was increased from two to four per cent of the average annual allowance. The maximum period of pensionable service that could be accumulated and used for calculation of pension benefit was reduced from 35 to 20 years.

Additional changes were made to the plan on January 1, 1976. The minimum period of pensionable service needed to qualify for a pension was reduced from 10 to five years. The minimum age at which a full-formula unreduced pension could be granted was lowered from 60 to 55 years. The Normal Pension which used to be a guaranteed-term pension, payable for the life of the pensioner and a minimum period of five years was re-defined so that, on the death of the retired Member, 75 per cent of the pension continued to the eligible spouse, for life. The responsibility for the administration of the M.L.A. Pension Plan was transferred from the Public Service Pension Board to the Public Service Management Pension Board.

On November 1, 1985, *the M.L.A. Pension Act* ceased to exist and was replaced by *the M.L.A. Pension Plan Act*. Under the new legislation, the administrative and policy-setting functions in respect of the plan were transferred from the Public Service Management Pension Board to the Minister. A new M.L.A. Pension Plan Board was constituted to function as an advisory and appellate body.

M. L. A. PENSION ACT

CONTRIBUTIONS

During the period April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986, there were 118 pension accounts, 79 under Part 1 (Members of the Legislative Assembly), 34 under Part 2 (Members of the Executive Council) and five under Part 3 (Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Leader of the Opposition) of the *M. L. A. Pension Act*. Contributions by Members and the Government amounted to $323,850 and $285,722 respectively, for a total of $609,572.

RETIREMENTS AND PENSIONS

One Member retired during the year and was granted two pensions, one under Part 2 and the other under Part 3 of the Act.

One Normal Pension in respect of a Member who had died in the previous year was transferred to the surviving spouse during the current year.

Two pensions were suspended during the year on the retired Member's return to office.

One pensioner died during the year and his three pensions, one Normal and two Single Life, expired.

As of March 31, 1986, there were 126 pensions, including two pension advances, being paid to retired Members or beneficiaries of the deceased Members. Thirty-five of the pensions in respect of Members who had retired before age 65 were co-ordinated with benefits under the Canada Pension Plan and/or the Old Age Security.

Pension payments during the year amounted to $1,241,383, including $1,209,947 paid to retired Members and $31,436 to the surviving spouses. The pension payments were about one per cent lower than the pension payments in 1984-85.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED
(1985-86)

PART OF ACT	Number of Accounts at 31-Mar-86	CONTRIBUTIONS	
		Members	Government
Part 1 of the Act (*Members of the Legislative Assembly*)	79	$231,326	$194,017
Part 2 of the Act (*Members of the Executive Council*)	34	84,231	83,853
Part 3 of the Act (*Speaker, Deputy Speaker, and Leader of the Opposition*)	5	8,293	7,852
Totals	118	$323,850*	$285,722

PENSIONS IN EFFECT

Under Part 1 of the Act (*Members of the Legislative Assembly*)	73
Under Part 2 of the Act (*Members of the Executive Council*)	45
Under Part 3 of the Act (*Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Leader of the Opposition*)	8
NUMBER OF PENSIONS BEING PAID AT MARCH 31, 1986	126**

*Including contributions on prior service.

**Excluding suspended pensions but including two advances.

TYPES OF PENSIONS IN EFFECT
(at March 31, 1986)

Normal Pension*	62
Life Pension with a guaranteed term of 5 years	7
Life Pension with a guaranteed term of 10 years	7
Life Pension with a guaranteed term of 15 years	7
Life Pension with a guaranteed term of 20 years	23
Life Pension with no guaranteed term	0
Joint Life Pension (non-reducible)	9
Joint Life Pension (reducible by 1/3 at first death)	3
Joint Life Pension (reducible by 1/2 at first death)	2
Spousal Pension - Life with a guaranteed term of 5 years	2
Spousal Pension - Life with a guaranteed term of 10 years	1
Spousal Pension - Life with a guaranteed term of 20 years	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF PENSIONS BEING PAID AT	124**
Number of pensions coordinated with benefits under Canada Pension Plan and/or Old Age Security	35

Normal Pension, prior to the establishment of the M.L.A. Pension Plan, was a pension payable for the life of the pensioner and a minimum period of 5 years, as provided under the Public Service Pension Plan. Normal Pension, under the M.L.A. Pension Act, is payable for the life of the pensioner and, in the event of the pensioner's death, provides a Spousal Pension, equalling 75 per cent of the retired Member's pension, to the surviving spouse to whom the pensioner was married or with whom the pensioner lived for at least 5 years before death.

**Excluding two pension advances being paid pending finalization of the pension files.*

MONTHLY DOLLAR VALUE OF PENSIONS

The monthly dollar value of pensions being paid at March 31, 1986 was as follows:

DOLLAR VALUE PER MONTH	NUMBER OF PENSIONS AND PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL		
	Members	Spouses	Total
$ 0 - 499	36 (29.0%)	2 (1.6%)	38 (30.6%)
500 - 999	49 (39.5%)	1 (0.8%)	50 (40.3%)
1,000 - 1,499	23 (18.6%)	1 (0.8%)	24 (19.4%)
1,500 - 1,999	11 (8.9%)	0	11 (8.9%)
2,000 - 2,499	1 (0.8%)	0	1 (0.8%)
Totals	120 (96.8%)	4 (3.2%)	124*(100.0%)

The lowest Member pension at March 31, 1986 was $37 per month while the highest was $2,201 per month. The average pension paid to a Member was $828 per month and the median pension was $761 per month.

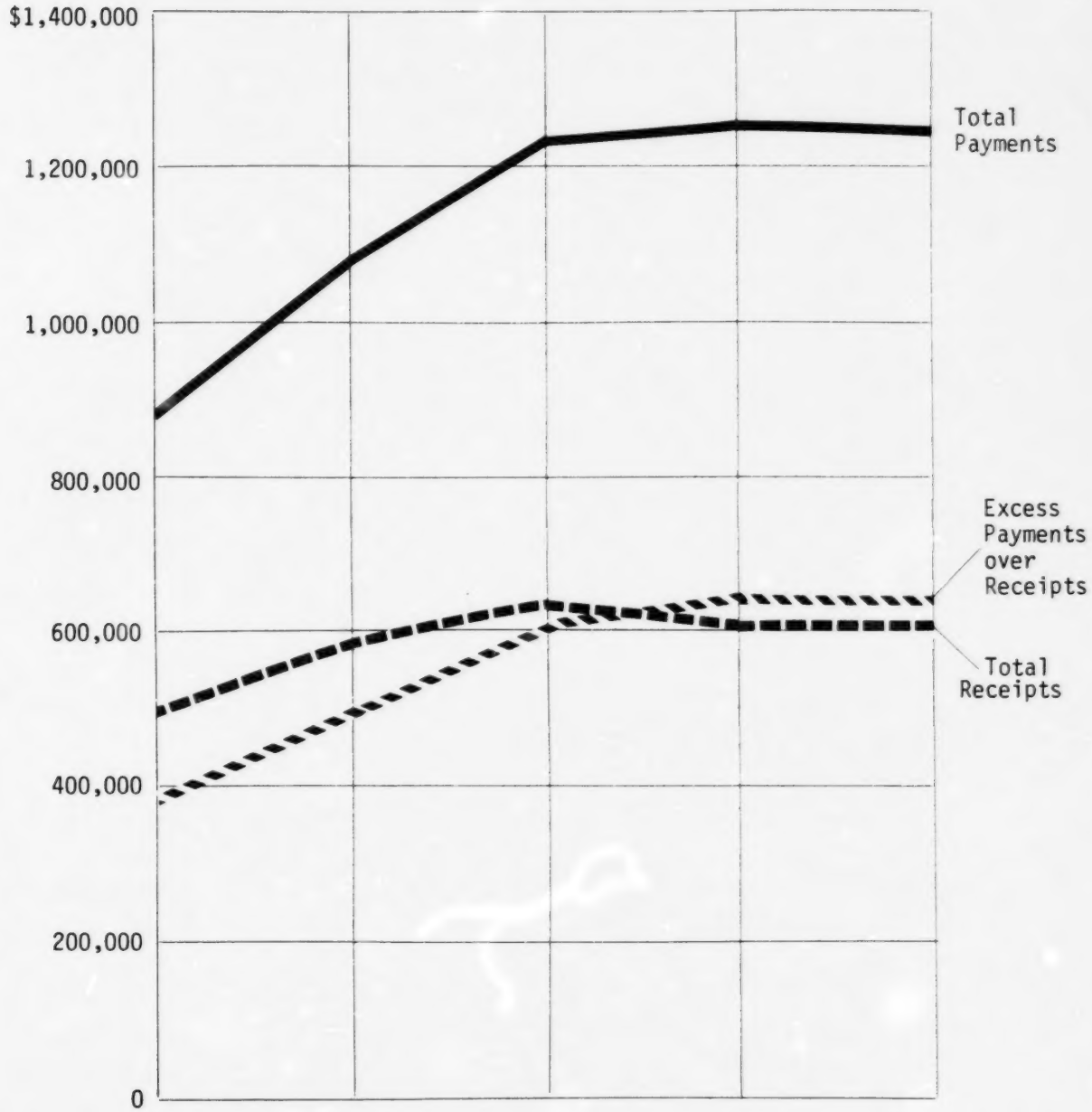
The lowest Spousal Pension at March 31, 1986 was $226 per month while the highest was $1,312 per month. The average pension paid to a spouse was $666 per month and the median Spousal Pension was $329 per month.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS
(April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986)

($ Thousands)

FISCAL YEAR	RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS			EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS
	Contributions		Total	Benefits	Withdrawals	Total	
	Member	Government					
1969-70	35	-	35	54	4	58	(23)
1970-71	40	-	40	59	5	64	(24)
1971-72	66	-	66	186	14	200	(134)
1972-73	88	-	88	264	4	268	(180)
1973-74	101	-	101	278	2	280	(179)
1974-75	109	-	109	287	4	291	(182)
1975-76	143	-	143	425	1	426	(283)
1976-77	129	-	129	449	-	449	(320)
1977-78	135	-	135	470	-	470	(335)
1978-79	189	-	189	576	3	579	(390)
1979-80	223	-	223	763	-	763	(540)
1980-81	266	-	266	821	-	821	(555)
1981-82	263	239	502	883	-	883	(381)
1982-83	345	241	586	1,052	30	1,082	(496)
1983-84	371	266	637	1,230	13	1,243	(606)
1984-85	327	283	610	1,251	-	1,251	(641)
1985-86	324	286	610	1,241	9	1,250	(640)

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
(5-YEAR COMPARISON)



	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Total Payments:	$883,295	$1,081,945	$1,243,247	$1,251,322	$1,249,974
Excess Payments over Receipts:	380,961	495,626	606,152	641,163	640,402
Total Receipts:	502,334	586,319	637,095	610,159	609,572

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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
for the year ended 31-Mar-86
(UNAUDITED)

RECEIPTS

	1985-86	1984-85
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Members of Legislative Assembly	$ 323,849.52	$ 326,641.49
Government of Alberta	285,722.08	283,517.81
	$ 609,571.60	$ 610,159.30

PAYMENTS

BENEFITS		
Pensions to retired Members	$1,209,946.68	$1,232,601.18
Pensions to surviving spouses	31,436.58	18,712.27
	$1,241,383.26	$1,251,313.45
WITHDRAWALS		
Contributions and interest in respect of Members transferred to other pension authorities without reciprocal agreements	$ 8,494.06	$ -
Refunds of excess contributions	96.30	9.07
	$ 8,590.36	$ 9.07
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	$1,249,973.62	$1,251,322.52
EXCESS(DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	($ 640,402.02)	($ 641,163.22)